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AT the Court at St. *James's* the 27th Day of *January* 1756,

PRESENT,

The KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

WHereas the Time limited by His Majeſty's Order in Council, of the 18th of December laſt, for paying the reſpective Bounties therein mentioned, to all Able and Ordinary Seamen, and alſo to all Able-bodied Landmen, who ſhould voluntarily enter themſelves in His Majeſty's Royal Navy; And likewiſe for paying the Rewards to Perſons diſcovering Seamen who ſhould conceal themſelves, will expire upon the 31ſt Day of this Inſtant January— And whereas it is judged expedient for His Majeſty's Service, That the Bounties and Rewards thereby given ſhould be continued to be paid for ſome Time longer: — His Majeſty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby Order, that the Bounties of Three Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years; and of Thirty Shillings for every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, be continued to be paid to ſuch Seamen and Landmen reſpectively, who ſhall, on or before the 29th Day of February next, enter themſelves in the Royal Navy, in the Manner directed by His Majeſty's Proclamation of the 11th Day of November laſt. And likewiſe that the Rewards of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, be continued to be paid to any Perſons who ſhall, on or before the ſaid 29th Day of February next, diſcover any Seaman or Seamen, who ſhall conceal themſelves, ſo as ſuch Seaman or Seamen be taken for His Majeſty's Service. Whereof all Perſons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themſelves accordingly. *W. Sharpe.*

[Price Four-Pence.]

Lisbon, Jan. 25. The King and Royal Family are ſtill obliged to reſide in Tents, notwithſtanding the Severity of the Weather, as do moſt of the Inhabitants; but his Majeſty has declared his Intention of having the City rebuilt on the ſame Spot it ſtood before our late Misfortune, and the ſame will be begun in the Spring. Yeſterday the Fleet for Fernambuca put to Sea with a fair Wind.

Frankfort, Feb. 6. We have received Advice from Stuttgard, that the Dutcheſs Dowager of Wirtemberg died on the 1ſt Inſtant, at the Caſtle of Copingen, in the 50th Year of her Age.

Dreſden, Feb. 8. Some Experiments having been made of the Ore taken out of the Silver Mine lately diſcovered near the Village of Tſchope on the Frontiers of Bohemia, and it having been found to contain more pure Metal than was at firſt expected, they have ſent thither a great Number of Men, in order to begin working upon it directly.

Hamburgh, Feb. 10. As laſt Friday the 6th Inſtant was appointed by his Britannick Majeſty's Proclamation to be kept as a General Faſt, the ſame was duly obſerved by the Engliſh Company of Merchants Adventurers eſtabliſhed here at Hamburgh; and the Rev. Mr. Murray, Chaplain to the Factory, preached a Sermon ſuitable upon ſo ſolemn an Occaſion. Prince George of Holſtein, who has paſſed a few Days at Eutin with his Brother the Biſhop of Lubeck, returned from thence this Evening.

Whitehall, Feb. 14, 1756.

Whereas it has been humbly repreſented to the King, That a Letter, directed to John Lewis, Beadle of Iſleworth, in the County of Middleſex, was, on the 10th Day of January laſt paſt, received by him, and found to contain the Words and Figures following, viz.

" Plymouth January 5. 1755.—Sir, This comes with
" my humbel Service to You I would have you
" prepear Yourſelf a Coffin and Shrowd againſt
" Peace and the Bell to ring for You to carey
" you to Hell give my humbel reſpects to Mr.
" John Burcett and tell Him the Same, my Love to
" Your Wife to which I have had many Start with
" ſo

" to no more from Your Ever Lasting Damnation " Seas You."——*And that it is apprehended that the Name John Burcett, in the ſaid Letter, was intended to denote John Derbyſhire Birkhead, Eſq; a Juſtice of the Peace, acting for the ſaid County, and living in the ſaid Pariſh; and that ſuch Letter was contrived, and wrote, by ſome malicious Perſon, or Perſons, there, as the ſaid Mr. Birkhead has had, within three Years paſt, ſeveral private Injuries done to his Property, and ſcandalous Papers have been affixed up, in the ſaid Pariſh, reflecting on him for having done his Duty as a Magiſtrate: His Majeſty, for the better diſcovering, and bringing to Juſtice, the Perſon, or Perſons, principally concerned in contriving and writing the ſaid Letter, is pleaſed to promiſe His moſt gracious Pardon, and alſo a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, to any one of them (except the Perſon who actually wrote the ſaid Letter,) who ſhall diſcover his, or her, Accomplice, or Accomplices in contriving and writing the ſame, ſo that he, ſhe, or they, being principally concerned in the ſaid Facts, may be apprehended and convicted thereof: The ſaid Reward, of One Hundred Pounds to be paid by the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, to the Perſon making ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, upon the Conviction of one, or more of the Offenders.*

HOLDERNESSE.

And, as a farther Encouragement, I, the ſaid John Derbyſhire Birkhead, of Iſleworth, in the County of Middleſex, do, hereby, promiſe a Reward of Twenty Pounds to the Perſon making ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, to be paid, by me, upon the Conviction of one or more of the Offenders.

John Derbyſhire Birkhead.

Whitehall, February 16, 1756.

Whereas it has been humbly repreſented to the King, That on Sunday laſt, about the Hour of Nine at Night, James Moore, a Priſoner in the Gatehouſe Priſon, Weſtminſter, and committed there for ſtealing, out of the Stables of William Underwood, a Brown Gelding, and a bright Bay Mare out of the Stables of George Williams, did make his Eſcape out of the ſaid Priſon: And whereas there is great Reaſon to believe, from the Circumſtances attending the ſaid Eſcape, that ſome Perſon or Perſons were privy to, and aiding and aſſiſting in the Eſcape of the ſaid James Moore, particularly ſome Perſon or Perſons in the ſaid Goal; His Majeſty, for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice, the Perſon or Perſons privy to, or concerned in contriving, or in aiding and aſſiſting in the Eſcape of the ſaid James Moore, is pleaſed to promiſe His moſt gracious Pardon, (except the Perſon principally contriving or aiding and aſſiſting in the Eſcape of the ſaid James Moore, ſhould prove to be the Turnkey of the ſaid Priſon) to any one of them, who ſhall diſcover the Perſon or Perſons privy to, or concerned in contriving or aiding and aſſiſting in the Eſcape of the ſaid James Moore, ſo that he, ſhe, or they, concerned therein, may be apprehended and convicted thereof; And His Majeſty does alſo farther promiſe His moſt gracious Pardon, to any Accomplice of the ſaid James Moore, who ſhall retake, or cauſe to be retaken, the ſaid James Moore, ſo that he may be convicted of the Offence with which he ſtands charged.

H. FOX.

And, as a farther Encouragement, I John Maffett, Gent. at the Gatehouſe Weſtminſter, do hereby promiſe a Reward of Twenty Pounds to any Perſon or Perſons apprehending and bringing to Juſtice the ſaid James Moore, to be paid upon his Conviction.

John Maffett.

N. B. The ſaid James Moore is about five Feet eight Inches high, inclined to be thin, his Hands and Face much pitted with the Small Pox, of a browniſh Complexion, about Nineteen Years old, tho' he appears to be about Twenty ſix, Left Handed, his right Hand lamiſh, wore his own ſhort curled Hair, of a lightiſh Brown, was born at Bagſhot in Surry, had on when he made his Eſcape a whitiſh coloured Surtout Coat, with two Patches near the Waiſt behind, two Waſtcoats, one red and white Cherry Derry, with wrought Braſs Buttons, the other Linnen, dirty Leather Breeches, black rib'd Stockings, White Metal Buckles, and a tolerable good Hat flaped, wore a Neckcloth, and had brown Fuſtian Sleeves with two red Worſted Buttons. He had in his Pocket, ſealed in a Piece of Paper, the Will and Power of Thomas Kirke, belonging to the Ramillies Man of War; dated in March 1755.

Whereas on the 27th Day of June laſt paſt, George Blight, an Officer to the Sheriff of the County of Cornwall, (being in the Execution of his Office, levying a Sum of Money on the Goods and Chattles of John Cock, of Endellian in the ſaid County, Eſq; by Virtue of the ſaid Sheriff's Warrant, on a Writ of fieri facias, iſſued out of His Majeſty's Court of Common Pleas, at Weſtminſter, at the Suit of Arundell Cock, Gent.) was barbarouſly Murdered by a Shot received from a Gun, fired at him by the ſaid John Cock, and that at the laſt Aſſizes held for the ſaid County, a Bill of Indictment was found againſt the ſaid John Cock, for the ſaid Murder; and that notwithſtanding legal Proceſſes have been iſſued on the ſaid Indictment, and all poſſible Endeavours uſed for apprehending and bringing to Juſtice the ſaid John Cock, the ſame have hitherto proved ineffectual; and the ſaid John Cock, being invironed and protected by a Sett of Smugglers and other deſperate Perſons, there is great Reaſon to believe that he will not be apprehended by the ordinary Courſe of Law: In order for the more ſpeedy apprehending and bringing to Juſtice him the ſaid John Cock, a Reward of One Hundred Pounds is hereby offered to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall apprehend him the ſaid John Cock, and get him ſecured in one of His Majeſty's Goals within the Kingdom of England; the ſaid Reward to be paid by Mr. John Wallis, Junior, of Camelford in the ſaid County, on the ſaid John Cock's being tried and convicted of the ſaid Murder.

Feb. 1756. John Wallis, *Jun.*

General Poſt Office, Sept. 20, 1755.

His Majeſty's Poſtmaſter General, for the further Improvement of Correſpondence, having been pleaſed to order, That Letters ſhall for the future be conveyed, Six Days in every Week, inſtead of three Days as at preſent, betwixt London *and* Wobourn, Newport Pagnell, Northampton, Market Harborough, Leiceſter, Loughborough, Derby, *and* Nottingham, *through* Hertford, *on the three additional Poſt Days.*

And likewiſe betwixt London *and* Shiffnal, Shrewſbury, Stafford, Stone, Namptwich, Cheſter, Middlewich, Northwich, Warrington, Liverpool, *and* Mancheſter, *through* Oxford, Worceſter, Birmingham, *and* Wolverhampton, *on the three additional Days.*

And to order the Letters to be conveyed three Days a Week (inſtead of two Days as at preſent) betwixt London *and* Aimesbury.

Alſo to quicken the Communication by Poſt, betwixt Sheffield *and the great North Road, through* Doncaſter: *And the Correſpondence between* Mancheſter, Liverpool, Warrington, Cheſter, Glouceſter, South Wales, Briſtol, *and* the whole Croſs Road: *As well as between* Liverpool, Mancheſter, Wiggan, Preſton, Lancaſter, Kendal, *and all Parts of* Weſtmorland *and* Cumberland: *And between* Liverpool, *and all Parts of* Yorkſhire, Durham, Northumberland, Scotland,

land, Derbyſhire, Nottinghamſhire, Lincolnſhire, Huntingdonſhire, Cambridgeſhire, *and* Norfolk.

Publick Notice is hereby given, that theſe ſeveral additional Conveyances, Improvements, and Regulations, will take Place from Friday the 10th Day of October next, being Michaelmas Day according to the Old Style.

And whereas great Numbers of Letters have hitherto been privately collected and delivered, as well in theſe as in other Parts of the Kingdom, contrary to Law, to the great Prejudice of the Revenue of the Poſt Office, Notice is likewiſe hereby given, that all Carriers, Coachmen, Watermen, Wherrymen, Diſperſers of Country News Papers, and all other Perſons whatſoever, hereafter detected in the illegal collecting, conveying or delivering of Letters, will be proſecuted with the utmoſt Severity.

N. B. The Penalty is Five Pounds *for every Letter collected or delivered contrary to Law, and* One Hundred Pounds *for every Week this Practice is continued.*

By Command of the Poſtmaſter General,
Geo. Shelvocke, *Secretary.*

General Poſt-Office, London, Oct. 24, 1755.

Whereas a Number of Pacquet Boats are provided and eſtabliſhed, at Falmouth, for carrying on a regular Monthly Correſpondence between theſe Kingdoms and His Majeſty's Iſlands in the Weſt-Indies; and alſo to and from the ſeveral Colonies on the Continent of North-America;

Public Notice is hereby given to all Merchants, and others, whom it may concern, That Letters and Packets for the ſaid Iſlands, and Colonies on the Continent of North-America, will be taken in and received, at this Office, from the Date hereof, upon their being paid for, after the Rates, ſettled by Act of Parliament, as undermentioned, viz.

		s.	d.
From London *to the Iſlands of* Barbadoes Antegoa, Mountſerrat, Nevis, St. Chriſtophers *and* Jamaica,	*For a Single Letter*	1	6
	a Double Letter	3	0
	a Treble Letter	4	6
	an Ounce ——	6	0

		s.	d.
From London *to* New-York, New-England, Virginia, Maryland, *and all the other Colonies on the Continent of* North-America,	*For a Single Letter*	1	0
	a Double Letter	2	0
	a Treble Letter	3	0
	an Ounce ——	4	0

The firſt Mail of Letters, for the ſeveral Iſlands in the Weſt-Indies, will be made up, and diſpatched from this Office, upon Saturday the 8th Day of November next, and be continued on the Firſt Saturday of every Month following.

The firſt Mail of Letters, by the way of New-York, for the ſeveral Colonies on the Continent of North-America, will be made up and diſpatched from this Office, upon the 15th of the ſaid Month of November next, and ſo be continued on the Second Saturday of every Month throughout the Year.

The full Poſtage of the above Letters and Packets muſt be paid at the Time of their Delivery into this Office, or at the Receiving-Houſes in Town; And all ſuch as are put into the ſeveral Poſt-Houſes in Great-Britain and Ireland, muſt, over and above the ſaid Rates, pay alſo the full Inland Poſtage to London, without which they cannot be forwarded from hence.

By Command of the Poſtmaſter General,
Geo. Shelvocke, *Secretary.*

Admiralty Office, Feb. 14, 1756.

This is to give Notice, That a General Court of the Commiſſioners for managing the Charity for Relief of Poor Widows of Commiſſion and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy, will be held at this Office on Thurſday the 26th Inſtant, at Twelve o'Clock.

J. Clevland.

Navy Office, Feb. 4, 1756.

The Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy give Notice, that they will be ready to Treat with ſuch Perſons as are deſirous to Contract for the Stores undermentioned for His Majeſty's Service, on the Days expreſt againſt the ſame, that they may attend with their Propoſals accordingly, viz.

Hemp ——	*on Wedneſday the 25th* }	*Inſtant.*
Eaſt Country Tar,	*Friday the 27th* }	
Iron, ——	*Wedneſday March 3.*	
Dantzick Plank and Pruſſia Deals,	*Friday March 5.*	
Riga Maſts, —— —	*Wedneſday March 10.*	
Norway Goods, — —	*Friday March 12.*	

Victualling-Office, Feb. 12, 1756.

The Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy do hereby give Notice, That on Friday the 5th of March next, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to treat with ſuch Perſons as are inclinable to furniſh Dantzick, Stetin and Hamburgh Pipe Staves, and Hamburgh and Stetin Hogſhead Staves, and Stetin Heading.

And on the ſame Day they will likewiſe be ready to treat for Iron Hoops, for the Service of His Majeſty's Navy.

Victualling-Office, Feb. 12, 1756.

The Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy do hereby give Notice, That on Wedneſday the 19th of May next, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to treat with ſuch Perſons as are inclinable to undertake the Victualling ſuch of His Majeſty's Ships and Veſſels as may touch at Liſbon, and be in Want of Proviſions.

The Conditions of the Contract may be ſeen at the Secretary's Office at the Victualling Office, London; or by applying to His Majeſty's Conſul at Liſbon.

Eaſt India Houſe, February 18, 1756.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the Eaſt Indies, do hereby give Notice,

That the Transfer Books of the ſaid Company's Stock will be ſhut on Thurſday the 4th Day of March next, at Two o'Clock.

That a Quarterly General Court of the ſaid Company will be held at their Houſe in Leadenhall-ſtreet, on Wedneſday the 17th Day of March next, at Eleven in the Forenoon.

That the Liſt of the Members of the ſaid Company, will be ready to be delivered at their ſaid Houſe, on Friday the 26th Day of ſaid March.

That a General Court will be held at their ſaid Houſe, on Wedneſday the 7th Day of April next, for the Election of Twenty-four Directors of the ſaid Company for the Year enſuing, which will continue from Nine in the Morning until Six in the Afternoon of the ſame Day, after which no Liſts will be taken in.

And, that the Transfer Books of the ſaid Company's Stock, will be opened on Thurſday the 8th Day of ſaid April.

Eaſt